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TAGS: PFOR, RH, OVIP (MONDALE, VICE PRESIDENT WALTER)
SUBJ: VORSTER-MONDALE MEETING: BRIEFING OF NATIONALISTS

REF: A. STATE 99562; B. ACCRA 3291

1. COMMISSIONER JOE APPIAH, WHO IS HANDLING TALKS WITH
ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALIST LEADERS ON CHAIRMAN ACHEAMPONG'S
BEHALF, HAS JUST GIVEN ME FOLLOWING STATUS REPORT:

(A) ONLY NKOMO AND MUGABE ARE HERE AT THE
MOMENT, AND APPIAH HAS "COMPLETED" HIS TALKS WITH THEM.
NKOMO LEAVES TONIGHT (MAY 4) FOR LONDON.
MUGABE IS EXPECTED TO LEAVE MORNING MAY 5.

(B) SITHOLE IS "DEFINITELY COMING" TO ACCRA,
PERHAPS LATER TONIGHT, AND APPIAH IS TALKING WITH
SITHOLE'S AIDES THIS AFTERNOON IN A PRELIMINARY SESSION.

(C) BISHOP MUZOREWA HAS SENT A LENGHTY LETTER
TO THE GHANAIS AND "SAYS HE IS COMING." APPIAH
DOES NOT YET HAVE ETA.

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2. APPIAH TOLD ME THAT NKNOMO/MUGABE GROUP REMAINS
"FIRMLY OPPOSED" TO US PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA
CONFERENCE. THEY TOLD APPIAH THEY HAD "GOOD REASON
TO BELIEVE" THAT OUR PARTICIPATION WOULD RESULT
IN SOVIET INSISTENCE ON BEING INCLUDED AS WELL,
AN INVOLVEMENT THEY PROFESS NOT TO WANT.

3. I HAVE NOT YET SUCCEEDED IN REACHING EITHER
NKOMO OR MUGABE TO BRIEF THEM AS REQUESTED IN
REFTEL (A). I SHALL KEEP TRYING, BUT THEIR
IMMINENT DEPARTURE MAY MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE. PERHAPS
EMBASSY LONDON COULD CONTACT NKOMO THERE, PRIOR
TO HIS MAY 6 MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY.
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